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SUBJ: PRESS COVERAGE OF US-ITALIAN MOU ON DEFENSE COOPERATION

1. SEPT. 12 WASHINGTON SIGNING OF US-ITALIAN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON DEFENSE COOPERATION WAS REPORTED IN "IL TEMPO/ AND SOMEWHAT SURPRISINGLY, IN PCI'S "L'UNTA", ON SEPTEMBER 13.

2. BOTH PAPERS GAVE FAIRLY STRAIGHT COVERAGE TO THE MOU SIGNATURE. BOTH REPORTED SATISFACTION EXPRESSED BY SECRETARY BROWN AND DEFENSE MINISTER RUFFINI WITH MEMORANDUM'S GENERAL TERMS, AND NOTED RUFFINI'S EMPHASIS ON ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY WHICH MOU MAY PERMIT ITALY TO ACQUIRE.

3. "IL TEMPO" ALSO NOTED RUFFINI'S STRESS ON THE MOU'S OPENING OF NEW MARKETS FOR ITALIAN DEFENSE PRODUCTS, BOTH IN U.S. AND AMONG THIRD COUNTRIES. "L'UNITA" REPORTED, IN SLIGHTLY MORE SKEPTICAL VEIN, THAT PCI PARLIAMENTARIANS WISHED TO HAVE THE DETAILS FROM RUFFINI ON WHAT THE "QUITE GENERAL" TERMS OF THE MOU MEANT FOR ITALIAN INDUSTRY. THE PCI PLANS TO QUERY RUFFINI IN THE CHAMBER DEFENSE COMMISSION FOR CLARIFICATION.GARDNER

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